

### **Remarks**

In response to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims. To further the prosecution of this application, Applicant submits the above amendments and the following remarks. Claim 1 has been amended and claims 7-8 and 13-18 have been cancelled.

In view of the above amendments and the following comments, all rejections of claims 1-7, 9-11, and 13-18 are respectfully traversed.

### **Objections to the Claims**

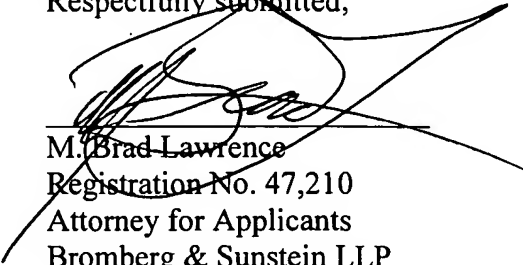
The Office Action objected to claim 8 as being dependent on a rejected base claim but stated that claim 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 8 and claim 7 (from which claim 8 depended). Thus, claim 1 now includes all of the limitations required of claim 8. As such, claim 1 should now be in condition for allowance. Claims 2-6 and 9-10 depend from claim 1 and are patentable for at least the same reasons.

### **Conclusion**

Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner reconsider this application in view of all of the art. Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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